Multi-Jurisdiction Laboratory Fraud Investigations

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA) Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) conducts civil and criminal environmental investigations in partnership with other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. The NEIC employs a unique and innovative approach in these investigations that ensures regulatory and statutory requirements are met. The NEIC's multidisciplinary approach involves merging analytical chemistry, environmental science, engineering, and electronic data analysis with civil and criminal law enforcement.

This poster addresses the NEIC's experience specifically in laboratory fraud investigations. Laboratory fraud investigations target the accuracy and truthfulness of reporting environmental data. Data integrity is a cornerstone for environmental compliance and enforcement and is essential to the protection of public health and the environment.

The NEIC's multidisciplinary approach in federal, state, and local environmental investigations has been successfully applied across the country on criminal and civil data laboratory fraud investigations involving:

- Petrochemical industries
- Petroleum industries
- Plastics industries
- Environmental recycling operations
- Analytical laboratories monitoring industry.

The NEIC Laboratory Fraud Poster will illustrate the NEIC's multidisciplinary approach to environmental investigations and its close partnership with other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in laboratory fraud investigations.